(c) whether Government have taken any preventive measures; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) No, Sir. The deaths reported due to Japanese Encephalitis by the Government of Assam during the last 3 years is as under: —

| Year | No. of deaths |
|---|---|
| 1985 | 12 |
| 1986 | 311 |
| 1987. | 123 (Provisional) |

(c) The following preventive measures are being undertaken to control Japanese Encephalitis; —

(i) Indoor residual spraying with Benzene Hexachloride in an area of 2-3 KM around a case.

(ii) Weekly fogging|Ultra Low Volume spray with Malathion for at least 4 weeks.

(iii) Intensification of antilarval operations in affected urban areas.

(iv) Weekly pyrethrum space spray for at least 4 weeks in urban areas where indoor residual spray is not feasible.

(v) The Japanese Encephalitis vaccine has been developed by Central Research Institute, Kasauli and is under clinical trial in the field.

(vi) Extension of health education through publicity with the help of different media and ensuring community participation in control and prevention.

**Project Reports of Canals from Andhra Pradesh Pending Clearance**

*420. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether the project reports relating to improvements to (i) Buckingham Canal (258 kms;; (ii) Commamur Canal (113 kms. ) and (iii) Eluru Canal (138. 74 kms. ) were sent for approval to the Ministry by Andhra Pradesh Government in March, 1985; and

(b) if so, what action the Central Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) In June 1986, the State Government sent four separate proposals for improvement of (i) Buckingham Canal (13. 8 kms. ), (ii) Commamur Canal (113 kms. ), (iii) Eluru Canal (138. 74 kms. ) and (iv) Kakinada Canal (47 kms. ) at a total cost of Rs. 6 crores. Later in June 1987 the State-Government revised all the proposals by adding entire stretch of Buckingham Canal revising the cost to Rs. 23. 84 crores.

(b) The examination of these project reports revealed that the improvement of these canals needs a comprehensive scheme for an integrated development of the canal system. The State Government has been advised to prepare a comprehensive scheme.

**Production of Cheap Feature Films**

@2863. SHRT MAHENDRA PRASAD: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the rising trend pf production of cheap feature films in the country glorifying violence and obscenity and produced with a view to earning quick profits; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government to effectively curb this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Yes.

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